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FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1508

INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 0460

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN

SUBJ: PAN AM TO SUSPEND SERVICE

REF: PARAMARIBO 425; PARAMARIBO 236, SEPT 1972;

PARAMARIBO 080, 1971

1. SUMMARY. PAN AM HAS INFORMED ME THAT IT IS PETITIONING CAB  
TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO PARAMARIBO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7. I STRONGLY  
RECOMMEND THAT CAB REJECT THIS PETITION AND THAT INSTEAD PAN AM  
BE ENCOURAGED TO REDUCE ITS SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PAN AM ACTING MANAGER HAS RELAYED TO ME MESSAGE FROM  
PAN AM REGIONAL MANAGER MIAMI INFORMING THAT ON DECEMBER 11  
COMPANY FILING WITH CAB INTENT SUSPEND OPERATIONS TO PARAMARIBO  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 1974 FOR MINIMUM PERIOD ONE YEAR "DUE  
INTERNATIONAL FUEL CRISIS FORCE MAJEURE". MESSAGE REQUESTS I  
NOTIFY "PRESENT" FUTURE SURINAM GOVERNMENT AND ADVISE PAN AM OF  
THEIR REACTIONS".

3. I AM FRANKLY RELUCTANT TO PERFORM THIS SERVICE FOR PAN AM  
BUT WILL NOTIFY PRIME MINISTER SEDNEY AND PASS ON HIS REACTIONS  
TO LOCAL PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE. BELIEVE IT NEITHER NECESSARY  
NOR PROPER FOR ME TO CONTACT "FUTURE GOVERNMENT" AND WILL LEAVE  
IT TO SEDNEY TO DO SO, IF HE WISHES.

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4. REACTION PRESENT GOS, WHICH NOW IN LAST WEEKS OR EVEN DAYS

OF OFFICE, IS LIKELY TO BE MILD. IN FACT, THERE IS GOOD REASON  
TO BELIEVE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LIFT A FINGER TO LESSEN  
THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE NEW GOVERNMENT  
WILL INHERIT.

5. THE PUBLIC REACTION, HOWEVER, AND THE REACTION OF THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT, IS LIKELY TO BE HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE. IT IS PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE THAT PAN AM HAS ATTEMPTED TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO  
PARAMARIBO ON AT LEAST TWO OTHER OCCASIONS DURING RECENT YEARS.  
THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT NO OTHER AIRLINE SERVICING  
PARAMARIBO HAS ANNOUNCED ANY CUTS IN SERVICE, LET ALONE  
SUSPENSION, LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT FUEL CRISIS IS MERELY A  
SUBTERFUGE. THOSE IN THE KNOW ARE ALREADY ASKING WHY, IF FUEL  
CRISIS IS THE CAUSE, PAN AM DOESN'T REDUCE SERVICE FROM PRESENT  
TWO DOWN TO ONE FLIGHT PER WEEK. THIS IMPRESSION, WHICH I  
CONFESS I SHARE, IS HARMFUL TO THE U.S. IMAGE, AND PARTICULARLY  
TO IMAGE OF U.S. BUSINESS. OTHER ARGUMENTS AGAINST SUSPENSION  
ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCES.

6. I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE CAB REFUSE PAN AM'S PETITION  
REGARDING SURINAM AND THAT PAN AM BE ADVISED THAT IT CONSIDER  
THE OPTION OF REDUCING RATHER THAN SUSPENDING SERVICE.  
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